

Response

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REMARKS

This Response replies to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2005, in which the Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claims is finally held to be allowable.

The Office Action found claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I directed to Fig. 2;
Species II directed to Fig. 12;
Species III directed to Fig. 14;
Species IV directed to Fig. 15;
Species V directed to Fig. 16;
Species VI directed to Fig. 17;
Species VII directed to Fig. 21; and
Species VIII directed to Fig. 22.

With this Response, Applicant elects Species VIII, directed to Figure 22.

Claims 19-34 each read on the embodiment of Figure 22. Figure 22 is described at page 23, lines 11-22 of the application. In the application, Figure 22 is noted to be similar to the pump module of Figure 21, except the embodiment of Figure 22 further includes an air purge apparatus for removing air introduced into the pump module (page 23, lines 11-13). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Figures 18-20 and the portions of the specification relating thereto are also applicable to the embodiment illustrated in Fig. 22.



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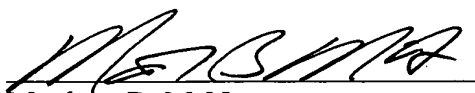
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